

Canada Goose
(Branta canadensis)



The Canada Goose (*Branta canadensis*) is brown with a black head, long black neck and white cheek patch. When mature, they range in size from 35 to 45 inches in height. Canada Geese make their homes in lakes, bays, rivers, and marshes. Like other geese, these birds are chiefly grazers, feeding on stubble fields and eating marsh vegetation. Increasingly tolerant of humans, some Canadas even nest in city parks and suburbs. They are especially noticeable in late summer and early fall, when they form molting flocks on golf courses and large lawns; at such times, they have come to be regarded as pests.

Although Canada Geese are generally plentiful, the Aleutian Canada Goose, a subspecies of the Canada Goose, was on the U.S. Endangered Species List until March 2001, after being reduced to under 1,000 individuals in the 1960s.